

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has required the election of a single species for prosecution on the merits. In compliance with the requirement, applicant hereby elects to proceed with the prosecution of the species of Embodiments 1-3 (Fig. 1) without traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1-13, 15-16, 31-46 and 57-60 are all generic. Thus, if all or any of these/this generic claim(s) are/is allowed, each of its dependent non-elected claims will also be allowable (MPEP Section 806.04 (d).).

Claims 14, 17-30 and 47-56 have been withdrawn as the result of a current restriction requirement.

In view of the examiner's current restriction requirement, applicant retains the right, without prejudice, to file one or more divisional applications in respect of any or all of the non-elected species.

Claim 1 is amended to correct a clerical error. This amendment does not change any material issue in this application.

Claims 8, 31, and 42 are amended in order to avoid lack of antecedent basis.


The Examiner determined that Figs. 5-6 belong to Embodiment 4 and Fig. 7 belongs to Embodiment 5. Applicant respectfully submits that Figs. 5-7 belong to Embodiment 7.

Applicant trusts that the amendments made to the present application herein are sufficient to allow for consideration of the present application on its merits. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication not covered by the enclosed check, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36215.

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